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DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO THE MODEL REGULATIONS ON THE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS

Use of packagings and IBCs

Transmitted by the Expert from Germany

Introduction

In Chapter 4.1 (use of packagings and intermediate bulk containers (IBCs)) in Note 2 (Explosives, self-reactive substances and organic peroxides) it is stated that:

> "Unless specific provision to the contrary is made in these Regulations, the packaging s used for goods of Class 1, self-reactive substances of Division 4.1 and organic peroxides of Division 5.2 shall comply with the provisions for the medium danger (Packing Group II) category."

The Expert from Germany is of the opinion that concerning the **testing of a packagin g** (testing according to packing groups I, II or III; packing codes X, Y Z) there is no necessar y relation to the requirements that for the abovementioned classes **for safety reasons the use o f packagings with confinement characteristics should be prohibited.**

Not to admit tested and approved packagings of the code X (packing group I) for th e above- mentioned classes leads, for safety reasons, to the non-acceptable situation that thes e packagings shall not be used irrespective of their material although they have a higher standard of testing.

Proposal

Amend "Note 2: Explosives, self-reactive substances and organic peroxides" as follows:

"Unless specific provision to the contrary is made in these Regulations, the packaging s used for goods of Class 1, self-reactive substances of Division 4.1 and organic peroxides of Division 5.2 shall com ply **at least** with the provisions for the medium danger (Packing Group II) category."